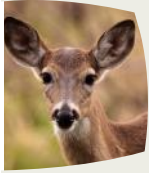




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# Community *notes*

## Stream Restoration Information Sessions

Residents are invited to learn more about a large stream restoration project scheduled for the next few years in the villages of Harper's Choice, Town Center and Wilde Lake.

All meetings will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. The meeting schedule is:

**Wilde Lake:** Thursday, September 13

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane

**Harper's Choice:** Monday, September 17

Kahler Hall, 5440 Old Tucker Row

**Town Center:** Thursday, September 20

Historic Oakland, 5430 Vantage Point Road

For more information about the public meetings, please email Watershed Stewards Academy Program Coordinator Terry Matthews at [trmatt@umd.edu](mailto:trmatt@umd.edu).

## Civil Rights Movement in Howard County

Attend a wonderful luncheon with cello music performed by Simon Guteng on Friday, September 7, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. at the Historic Oakland building. Special guest John Milton Wesley, distinguished author and Public Information Officer with the Baltimore City Office of Civil Rights, will be speaking about the history of the Civil Rights movement in Howard County.

Tickets are free to Town Center residents but please bring canned goods for the Grassroots kitchen. This event typically sells out, so register now by visiting this [webpage](#).

## Greetings

School starts next Tuesday. As our children anticipate a new year, new teachers, and new friends, it's important for the rest of us to ensure their safety as they go to and from school.

Remember our kids will be standing out waiting for the bus, many will be walking through our neighborhoods, and you'll likely experience more traffic.

Let's all help our children have a safe start to the new year.

*ManyKay*

## County Office Closings for Labor Day

Howard County Government offices, courts, animal shelter, 50+ centers and the Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. There will be no trash, recycling, yard trim or food scrap collection; the County's [holiday "slide" schedule](#) will be in effect. For a full list of affected county offices, visit this [page](#).

The Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) will operate on a "Sunday" schedule. For more information on RTA, call 1-800-270-9553 or visit [www.transitrt.com](http://www.transitrt.com).

The 9-1-1 Center, Police and Fire departments remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For emergencies, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, please call 410-313-2200.

County offices will re-open at regular business hours on Tuesday, September 4.

## Wish-Cycling

Many avid recyclers may be guilty of "wish-cycling" or putting something in your recycling bin hoping that it's recyclable. It's usually done with good intentions - but unfortunately winds up doing more harm than good.

Non-recyclable items cause problems at the recycling facility. These items slow down the sorting process and contaminate other recyclables, reducing their market value and the chance that they will be re-manufactured into new products. While it would be nice if all material could be recycled in the blue bin, it's more important that we put the right material in there.

### Stick to the basics:

Paper  
Cardboard  
Aluminum & Steel cans  
(including aerosol cans)  
Glass bottles & Jars  
Plastic bottles & Jugs



### Keep these out:

Drinking glasses  
Plastic grocery bags (take these back to the grocery store)  
Plastic utensils  
Greasy food containers  
Styrofoam™ (recycle #6 Styrofoam™ blocks and cups at Alpha Ridge Landfill)

[Download a quick reference chart here.](#)

Here's a [detailed list of what is accepted and what isn't.](#)

## Dollars for Diapers Fundraiser

The Diaper Project is holding a [Dollars for Diapers](#) fundraiser throughout the month of September to provide free diapers and baby wipes to families in need. For tens of thousands of Howard County residents who struggle to pay

for food, rent, utilities, a monthly expense of \$50-\$80 for diapers and wipes is completely out of reach.

You can help those families in need! There are three easy ways to donate:

1. Donated your dollars [online](#). Choose "Diaper Bank" from "Donation Restriction" drop down menu
2. Use your dollars to purchase diapers and baby wipes. Drop off unopened packages (or unopened inner sleeves) at CAC's Howard County Food Bank (9385 Gerwig Ln, Columbia MD) Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3. Spend your dollars on Amazon. Go to Diaper Project's Amazon wish list and have a box of diapers directly sent to the Food Bank.



## Ready HoCo

Howard County is no stranger to emergencies caused by natural and man-made hazards, including severe winter weather, utility disruptions, and transportation hazards. Ready HoCo is a program created to help residents understand potential hazards and take the next steps to prepare for what may come their way. Ready HoCo has created a comprehensive list of emergency resources online, check it out! And remember these four steps to preparedness:

1. **Get Informed:** follow Howard county Office of Emergency Management on Facebook & Twitter, and know your resources for emergency news so that you stay informed and ready for anything
2. **Make a Plan:** Make a personal plan to prepare yourself, family, and pets using Ready HoCo
3. **Build a Kit:** build a resourcefulness kit using the Disaster Recovery Checklist online
4. **Be Involved:** a great way to be prepared is by attending CPR classes and Stop the Bleed training. Email [outreach@hcdfrs.org](mailto:outreach@hcdfrs.org) or call 410-3131-2016 for more information.

## Color Columbia

Artists will ditch their studios for the day to paint al fresco around Lake Kittamaqundi and Wilde Lake — and you can watch along as they capture wildlife, nature, historical and modern architecture, and serene views around two of Columbia's signature lakes. Columbia Art Center's second annual Color Columbia: Plein Air Paint Out will take place on Saturday, September 8 from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Visitors are invited to tour the painting sites at both lakes and watch along as the artists create and complete their works. Site maps will be available at the welcome booth at Lake Kittamaqundi.

From 12:00 - 4:00 p.m., you can bring your family and friends to join in and have fun painting outdoor landscapes and water scenes of Lake Kittamaqundi. All supplies will be provided, and light instruction will be available. There will also be music provided by a DJ, plus poetry readings, and a pop-up gallery shop featuring art for sale by the plein air participants. For more information, visit [CAC's website](#).

## Chesapeake Laboratory Open House

The Chesapeake Biological Laboratory invites members of the public to its third annual Open House on Saturday, September 8 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. This free, family-friendly event will take place on the CBL campus, located on Solomons Island at 146 Williams Street, Solomons, MD 20688. Planned exhibits and hands-on activities include an aquatic touch tank, liquid nitrogen chemistry demonstrations, dockside tours of research vessel Rachel Carson, piloting an underwater robot, and a Scientist Selfie Station. Learn more by visiting this [page](#).

## Robinson Nature Center Events



Enjoy the outdoors before this beautiful summer weather changes by heading off to the Robinson Nature Center! There are many fun upcoming events that you'll be sure to enjoy:

**September 1 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

[Babes in Backpacks](#) is a program that provides infants with the chance to become familiar with the sights, sounds, smells and textures of the great outdoors. Expose your infant to new experiences that will build their comfort level encountering unfamiliar objects and spending time outside! This program includes a short walk on unpaved trails for which we require all infants be carried in a baby backpack or carrier (trails are not stroller accessible).

**September 8 • 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Join Nancy McAllister for [My Dream Year](#) as she explains how she took the year 2016 to return to her life-long passion for nature and travel. Hear stories from Nancy's travels to U.S. birding hotspots from coast to coast, and enjoy an early fall bird walk led by Nancy around Robinson Nature Center's trails after the presentation.

**September 9 • 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Celebrate [Grandparents Day](#) with full-dome movies in our planetarium, roving animal presentations, outdoor walks and educational activities throughout the exhibits. Complimentary admission for one grandchild per one paid admission for a grandparent. Activities are included with admission.

## OPUS Merriweather Opportunity

Internationally acclaimed composer and singer Sophia Brous is looking for participants in her massive choral commission for OPUS Merriweather2018! No vocal training is necessary, just an open mind and a willingness to try new things. [Sign up](#) to become part of a special new work in Symphony Woods.

## Deer Management Program



The Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks' deer management effort helps maintain a stable, balanced white-tailed deer population in our parks where deer browsing has been shown to reduce biodiversity. The managed hunt program gives specially screened and selected

hunters daytime access to various parks. This year's managed hunts will take place from dawn until noon. Each park will be closed for all other uses during this time. For a list of dates and locations for the deer management program, visit [Recreation & Parks' website](#).

## Upcoming Events & Reminders

### End of the Summer Concert

**Wednesday, August 29 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Hickory Ridge Village Center

Savor every last bit of summer with sounds of tropical music and steel drum while you shop or dine around Hickory Ridge. For more information, visit this [website](#).

### National Book Festival

**Saturday, September 1 • 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Washington Convention Center

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Library of Congress [National Book Festival](#) will feature amazing authors, renowned illustrators, and famous poets who will partake in panel discussions and make presentations over various genres of literature.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilde Lake Family Picnic

**Saturday, September 15 • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Wilde Lake Park, Hyla Brook Road

All are invited to join in with neighbors, friends, and family for this fun-filled event featuring free activities including a moon bounce, children's crafts, corn hole, and a watermelon eating contest.

### Evening at the Speakeasy

**Monday, September 17 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

An Evening at the Speakeasy is a great way to show your support for MakingChange as every cent will fund financial wellness programs. Purchase your ticket by following this [link](#). Cheers!

### Community Forum on Opioid Health Crisis

**October 24 • 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Slayton House

The Wilde Lake Community Association Health & Wealth Committee will present a panel of experts to discuss how the opioid health crisis is impacting our community. The panel presentation will be followed by Q&A. [Registration](#) is encouraged but not required. Questions? Contact Laura Torres at [lm4941@yahoo.com](mailto:lm4941@yahoo.com).



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